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In the Matter of

Qwest Corporation

Section 63.71 Application for
Discontinuance of Service under Section 214
of the Communications Act of 1934,
as Amended

File No. _____

NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF COMMON CARRIER SERVICE

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest"), through undersigned counsel, hereby files this notice of its plan to discontinue domestic local exchange, including intra-LATA service, exchange access, and interconnection common carrier services pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, and Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214.

Qwest and Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. ("Sacred Wind") filed a Joint Petition for Expedited Waiver ("Waiver") of the definition of "Study Area" contained in Part 36, Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's rules to effectuate Qwest's sale to Sacred Wind of certain telecommunications assets serving the Navajo Nation. In addition, Sacred Wind and Qwest filed a Joint Application for Consent to Sale of Assets, pursuant to Section 214 ("214 Application"). The Wireline Competition Bureau ("Bureau") granted the Waiver in its *Order* released August 15, 2006, CC Docket No. 96-45 (DA 06-1645), 21 FCC Rcd 9227, and granted the 214 Application in a Public Notice, WC Docket No. 06-82, 21 FCC Rcd 6145 (2006).

Qwest files this Notice of Discontinuance so as to close the transaction described in the Transfer 214 on or about December 8, 2006, or upon the receipt of the Commission's approval of the Notice of Discontinuance and any other required regulatory approvals.

1. Name and address of carrier

Qwest Corporation
1801 California Street
Denver, CO 80202

2. Date of planned service discontinuance

The date for discontinuing domestic local exchange, exchange access, and interconnection common carrier services is on or about December 8, 2006, after the required governmental approvals have been granted and after Qwest and Sacred Wind close their Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Telephone Assets ("Agreement").

3. Points of geographic areas of service affected

Qwest will discontinue domestic local exchange, including intra-LATA service, exchange access, and interconnection common carrier services to approximately 2,700 retail customers in a service area largely defined by the geographic boundaries of those portions of the Navajo Nation Reservation within the State of New Mexico and the adjacent near-Reservation Tribal lands, as noted on the map filed with Qwest's and Sacred Wind's Section 214 application for transfer of assets and various associated waivers filed on June 20, 2006.

4. Brief description of services affected

Qwest plans to discontinue the provision of wireline local exchange telecommunications service provided to approximately 2,700 local exchange customers and exchange access and interconnection services provided to interexchange carriers, resellers, and competitive interexchange providers. In addition, Qwest will discontinue the provision of wireless service *

provided to approximately 26 customers who are being served with wireless service in lieu of wireline local exchange service during the time that their orders for local exchange service are in Held Order status, in accordance with the Amended Alternative Form of Regulation Plan, Including Investment and Service Quality Commitments, for Qwest Corporation, dated March 8, 2006. As of the date of Qwest's discontinuance of services, Sacred Wind will provide the same services to Qwest's former customers by assuming current retail, wholesale, resale, and interconnection agreements between Qwest and its customers in this area, including wireless service to customers who have Held Orders. Qwest will continue to provide inter-LATA services within the area to customers who select Qwest as their preferred inter-LATA carrier.

5. Brief description of the dates and methods of notice to all affected customers

Qwest has notified all local exchange customers of record as of September 25, 2006 by letter, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 1. Qwest has notified all local exchange customers who are being served by wireless service while their requests for wireline service are in Held Order status as of September 27, 2006 by letter, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 2. Qwest has notified all wholesale customers of record as of October 4, 2006 by letter, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3. Qwest has notified all competitive local exchange carriers of record as of October 4, 2006 by letter, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 4.

6. Dominant carrier status

Qwest is a dominant carrier for the services included in this Notice of Discontinuance.

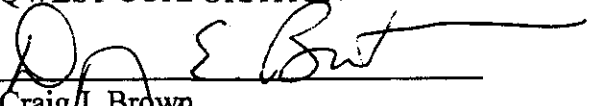
7. Service

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), Qwest has mailed a copy of this Notice of Discontinuance to the Governor of New Mexico, the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the Secretary of Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

QWEST CORPORATION

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Its Attorneys

October 11, 2006

EXHIBIT 1

October 4, 2006



Your Telephone Service Provider is Changing

[NAME]
[ADDRESS]
[CITY ST ZIP]

RE: Discontinuance of Service

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") will transfer certain assets - including customer accounts like yours - for telephone service on and near the Navajo Nation Reservation in New Mexico, to Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. ("Sacred Wind").

The transfer is expected to occur at 11:59 p.m. on December 8, 2006, pending government approval. Until the transfer is complete, your current service plan with Qwest will continue and we'll assist you with any product or service changes, just as we do today. We'll also work to resolve any outstanding complaints or disputes that may you may have initiated with Qwest prior to this transfer of assets.

After the transfer, Sacred Wind will provide your basic local service. Qwest will no longer offer service in your area.

There will be no interruption to your current telecommunications services. The transfer of your service will be automatic and you do not need to do anything. Your customer account information such as billing, contact and payment information, and credit and payment history will be provided to Sacred Wind to help make your transition from one provider to the other smooth.

If you use Qwest for your intraLATA long-distance service (sometimes called "local long distance"), that service will also be provided by Sacred Wind. If you have a different intraLATA long-distance provider, your provider will not change. Your interLATA long-distance provider will not change because of the transfer.

If you currently have a deposit on file with Qwest, it will be refunded to you when your final Qwest bill is mailed to you, shortly after your service is transferred to Sacred Wind.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 30 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20-554, referencing the \$63.71 Application of Qwest Corporation. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Sacred Wind will contact you shortly to provide more details about how and when your telephone service will change from Qwest to Sacred Wind.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served you and your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephanie Copeland".

Stephanie Copeland
Vice President, Marketing

EXHIBIT 2

[QWEST LOGO]

[QWEST ADDRESS]

NOTE: Address required by FCC 47 CFR 63.71(a)(1)

[DATE]

Your Alternate Wireless Service Provider is Changing

[NAME]

[ADDRESS]

[CITY ST ZIP]

RE: Discontinuance of Alternate Wireless Service

Qwest Corporation ("Qwest") will transfer certain assets - including customer accounts like yours - for telephone service on and near the Navajo Nation Reservation in New Mexico, to Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. ("Sacred Wind").

The transfer is expected to occur at 11:59 p.m. on December 8th, 2006, pending government approval. Our records show that Qwest is currently providing you with alternate wireless telephone service or is paying your wireless telephone bill until the lines necessary to resolve your Held Order delay are installed. Until this transfer is complete, your current alternate wireless service plan with Qwest will continue and we'll assist you with any product or service changes, just as we do today. We'll also work to resolve any outstanding complaints or disputes that may you may have initiated with Qwest prior to this transfer of assets.

After the transfer, Sacred Wind will provide your alternate wireless service. Qwest will no longer offer service in your area.

There will be no interruption to your current telecommunications services.

The transfer of your service will be automatic and you do not need to do anything. Your customer account information such as billing, contact and payment information, and credit and payment history will be provided to Sacred Wind to help make your transition from one provider to the other smooth.

If you use Qwest for your intraLATA long-distance service (sometimes called "local long distance"), that service will also be provided by Sacred Wind. If you have a different intraLATA long-distance provider, your provider will not change. Your interLATA long-distance provider will not change because of the transfer.

If you currently have a deposit on file with Qwest, it will be refunded to you when your final Qwest bill is mailed to you, shortly after your service is transferred to Sacred Wind.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 30 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20-554, referencing the §63.71 Application of Qwest Corporation. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

Sacred Wind will contact you shortly to provide more details about how and when your telephone service will change from Qwest to Sacred Wind.

Thank you for the opportunity to have served you and your community.

Sincerely,

Stephanie A. Copeland
Vice President, Marketing

EXHIBIT 3

Announcement Date: October 4, 2006
Effective Date: December 8, 2006
Document Number: GNRL.10.04.06.A.001498.SaleExchangesNewMexico
Notification Category: General Notifications
Target Audience: Wireless & Interexchange Carriers-- New Mexico
Subject: Sale of Exchanges

Qwest recently reached an agreement with Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. ("Sacred Wind") to sell a portion of certain exchanges in northwestern New Mexico. The purchase agreement includes approximately 2,600 access lines within the Navajo Nation Reservation that are served by the following Qwest wire centers: Albuquerque West, Aztec Bloomfield, Farmington Main, Farmington West, Fort Wingate, Gallup East, Gallup Main and Grants.

Qwest plans to discontinue the provision of wireline local exchange telecommunications service provided to approximately 2,600 local exchange access lines.

Qwest and Sacred Wind anticipate closing this transaction at 11:59 P.M., December 8, 2006, pending receipt of governmental approvals.

The purchase agreement encompasses residence lines, business lines, payphone lines and all operating contracts, including existing wholesale interconnection service agreements.

Since our records indicate Qwest provides access services to your company in New Mexico, Qwest wants to notify you about the transaction and what it means to you.

This change is limited to access lines located within the Navajo Nation Reservation in New Mexico.

POTS account transition to Sacred Wind will be done via service order processing so that normal carrier notifications, such as TCSI records, are sent using normal processes.

Services jointly provided by both Qwest and Sacred Wind, such as Private Line Service, will be meet point billed using current industry meet point billing guidelines.

Qwest is not selling a central office switch in this transaction. Sacred Wind will be constructing its own network and will install a central office switch. You will be notified through standard industry notifications as their network and switch are turned up. Until that time, Qwest will continue to provide you switched access service. After the Sacred Wind switch is in place, both companies will provide you switched access service using current industry meet point billing guidelines and Qwest's FCC1 Tariff, Section 2.4.7

Questions concerning this process may be directed to Sacred Wind at 877-259-2944. Also, your Qwest account team is available to discuss the transition.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 30 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20-554, referencing the §63.71 Application of Qwest Corporation. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

EXHIBIT 4

Add Qwest Corporation and address (required by 47 CFR 63.71(a)(1))

< Name>

< Address>

<City>, <State>, <Zip>

Month Day, 2006

RE: Sale of Certain Exchanges

Dear Competitive Local Exchange Carrier:

Qwest recently reached an agreement with Sacred Wind Communications, Inc. ("Sacred Wind") to sell a portion of certain exchanges in northwestern New Mexico. The purchase agreement includes approximately 2,300 access lines within the Navajo Nation Reservation that are served by the following Qwest wire centers: Albuquerque West, Aztec Bloomfield, Farmington Main, Farmington West, Fort Wingate, Gallup East, Gallup Main and Grants.

Qwest and Sacred Wind anticipate closing this transaction at 11:59 P.M. on December 8th, 2006, pending receipt of governmental approvals.

The purchase agreement encompasses residence lines, business lines, payphone lines and all operating contracts, including existing wholesale, QPP (Qwest Platform Plus), resale and interconnection agreements.

Qwest plans to discontinue the provision of wireline local exchange telecommunications service provided to approximately 2,600 local exchange customers and exchange access and interconnection services provided to interexchange carriers, resellers and/or CLECs (Competitive Local Exchange Carriers) and competitive interexchange providers.

Since our records indicate Qwest provides services to your company in New Mexico that your company uses to provide service over the lines described above, Qwest wants to notify you about the transaction and what it means to you.

First, Sacred Wind will assume your current wholesale, QPP, resale or interconnection agreement with Qwest for the services your company uses to provide service to the lines described above, and will provide such services in accordance with the change of control or assignment terms in your agreement with Qwest. Your pertinent customer account information has been provided to Sacred Wind to help in the transition.

Second, Qwest is not selling a central office switch in this transaction. Sacred Wind will build its own central office and switch. This change is limited to access lines located on or near the Navajo Nation Reservation in New Mexico. Qwest will continue to provide you any other service you may receive in the remaining portions of the wire centers mentioned above but not affected by the sale of the exchange to Sacred Wind, and any other unaffected Qwest telephone exchanges in New Mexico, in accordance with the portions of your Qwest agreements not assumed by Sacred Wind.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 30 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. 20-554, referencing the §63.71 Application of Qwest

Corporation. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

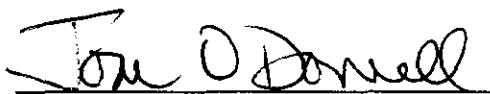
Qwest plans to make this transition as seamless as possible. Questions concerning this process may be directed to your Qwest account team, *[name]*, *[title]*, *[phone number]*. Questions also may be directed to Sacred Wind at 877-259-2944.

Sincerely,

Qwest Wholesale Account Manager

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joan O'Donnell, do hereby certify that I have caused the foregoing **NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF COMMON CARRIER SERVICE** to be 1) filed with the Office of the Secretary of the FCC; 2) served via email on the staff persons of the FCC identified in the attached service list; 3) served via email on the FCC's duplicating contractor Best Copy and Printing, Inc.; and 4) served via First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on all other parties as listed on the attached service list.


Joan O'Donnell

October 11, 2006

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